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This prosperous and wide awake hamlet nestles at the foot of the dividing ridge between Green river on the South and Rough river on the North, this ridge consists of a series of hills from which a great number of spurs break off in all directions; the general trend of the main ridge is from East to West, forming a water-shed to the North and South. Centertown is situated on the South side of the water-shed and on the opening of a gap in the ridge. The gap is a continuation of a valley extending from Lewis' creek to Rough river, the distance from the village to the river at the "Narrows" being 9 miles.

On both sides of this valley are immense deposits of coal and iron. The first mine of importance on the South edge of the valley is that of B. N. Stroud's. In this mine is a combination of two veins of coal, Nos. 11 and 12, forming a single vein 9 feet thick, and extending in the ridge its entire length. Stroud's mine is on one of the many spurs radiating from the dividing ridge. About 200 yards from this mine is a rich cropping of iron ore, of not less than 75 per cent. to 85 per cent. pure. At another point, three-fourths of a mile North of Stroud's is a development of iron ore of remarkable extent. Openings were made in 1875 by the Mayor of Memphis, and considerable quantities were taken out and tested. The geologist who accompanied him, pronounced the ore of a purity of not less than 90 per cent. This ore is not in isolated deposits, but is found almost continuously on the farms which lie North of the valley embracing those of the Iglehart heirs, the Dearing land, Alfred Ashby's, Pind Tichenor's, Jas. A. Tichenor's and Thos. Bennett's; being an area of not less than 500 acres thus enriched. In these spurs is also found

exhaustless quantities of ochre, an insignificant outlay of capital would supply the demands of commerce, and amply compensate for such outlay.

Three miles north-west of Centertown is the celebrated opening made by Peter Langhammer, the opening is in the side of a towering hill about 11 miles from the valley. The outcroppings of iron ore in this hill show an unbroken face of 16 feet in thickness, and increasing in quantity as the hill is penetrated; in fact, every ounce of the earth is loaded with ore. The extent of this mineral is beyond computation. As if to invite skill and energy, and offer every convenience for manufacturing purposes, Nature has deposited, a few hundred yards distant, an inexhaustible supply of coal 9 feet thick, and of superior quality being a continuation of the natural combine made by Nos. 11 and 12. These rich developments are on the 175 acre tract of Dearing. Developments of equal richness are visible on every land, and extend from one extreme of the valley to the other.

Another remarkable combination of the coal veins, Nos. 11 and 12, occurs on the lands of Thos. Bennett, 21 miles north-west from Centertown, and 13 miles from the valley, being not less than 10 feet thick, and in proximity are rich iron deposits, and these continue to the very edge of the valley. Following the line of the Langhammer mine, and distant from Centertown about 2 miles is that of Cass Morton's which is now in successful operation. The combine of the ubiquitous Nos. 11 and 12 is seen here also, and of the uniform thickness of 9 feet. This mine has been extensively worked for about 16 years, and though the sale has been considerable, there is scarcely an impression made on the great quantity existing in the spur. The same combination shows itself on the farm of Shelby Ashby's lying 21 miles West of Centertown, and 1 of a mile from the valley.

The great, the inexhaustible mineral wealth lying on both sides of this valley, must in the not very distant future win recognition from men of knowledge and means. The choicest gifts of Nature may here be secured at small pecuniary cost, and no extra physical exertion. The fields of Pennsylvania in the palmiest days had nothing superior to the splendid deposits of this section. Nothing in that great mining state can excel the peculiar combine of Nos. 11 and 12 as they exist from Centertown down the whole valley to Rough river. The deposits of the several minerals are so numerous, and of such extent that the mere mention of them may lead to the suspicion of an inclination to exaggerate, which can only be dispelled by an actual examination of the respective localities.

But, perhaps, the most remarkable feature of this part of Ohio county is, that while it abounds in an inexhaustible supply of black diamonds and crude iron beneath the surface; on the surface itself is a soil deep and fertile, yielding rich compensation to the husbandman for his labors. It is an acknowledged fact that, no part of the county produces more corn, wheat, hay, oats and tobacco per acre than this, and no part, certainly, gives evidence of greater prosperity. The water supply is abundant and all seasons of the year. Springs bubble up in all directions, forming rivulets which are diversified throughout the whole valley, giving endless supplies of stock water. The peculiarity of these characteristics is that they do not generally belong to coal and iron regions. Such regions being destitute of all things else than their mineral deposits.

About three miles North-west from Centertown, in a spur of the dividing ridge is a rock of peculiar formation. It is found in rectangular figures, highly finished and ready for use. It has been quarried for domestic purposes and is taken out in cubes and oblongs of various dimensions. The spur is several hundred yards in extent, and contains this stone apparently without limit.

On the lands of J. P. Tichenor's is a mine in successful operation yielding an abundant supply; the vein is the omnipresent Nos. 11 and 12. This like all the others is 9 feet thick, and like all the others free from sulphur, burns well, is lasting, makes very little ash in proportion to the amount used, is

very slow to slack, and makes an intense heat. The cost of operating these mines is reduced to the minimum on account of the peculiar nature of the coal deposit. On making the entries, and also on diverging into chambers, the coal is found in blocks, requiring nothing more than the simple under-picking to precipitate hundreds of bushels; even unskilled operatives can earn from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day without making a single shot. This mine is very centrally located, being three miles North-west from Centertown, one-fourth of a mile from one gap in the dividing ridge, and 150 yards from another gap, either of which leads into a valley which as near as Nature could devise, is a natural railroad bed. This mine is but 21 miles from the nearest point on Rough river, and about 6 miles from the "Narrows." From this point extends for miles the fertile fields of the West Point valley, rich in its great agricultural resources, and dotted here and there with schools and churches handsome farm houses are seen on every hand, a sense of prosperity pervades the whole atmosphere. The valley is well supplied with pure and everlasting water.

Here again is Nature extending, be-seechingly, her lavish hand laden with her rarest gifts, awaiting only the magic touch of capital to convert them into golden fruits, the rewards of enterprise and energy. Mrs. Everly's farm, three miles North-west from Centertown, and 13 miles from the valley, shows many rich out-crops of coal, being wherever exposed the same combine as that already mentioned. The farms of W. M. Tichenor and J. M. Stearns show the same general features. These farms comprise a portion of the spurs which diverge from the main dividing ridge separating the water flow between the two rivers, and lie altogether to the north of this natural road bed.

To the South of the valley are the farms of W. A. Hill, Finis Jackson, Shelby Ashby, W. K. James, Henry Iglehart, W. A. Taylor, S. Noel Tichenor's heirs and J. S. Iglehart. These lands contain deposits of coal, iron and ochre as rich and extensive as any on the north side, extending quite into the valley, and back from it a mile or more, covering an extent of territory of not less than 600 acres.

As far back as 1789, under a certain Mr. Rhinerson, silver diggings were begun on the farm of Timothy Tichenor, now the property of the Iglehart heirs. It is reported that a portion of the ore was assayed, and pronounced to contain silver in paying quantities, at any rate, when a sale of the land was made by Tichenor, the ore right was reserved to him and to his heirs. At several points in this range of hills on both sides of the valley, marked evidences of salt exist. The extent of the mineral could be determined at moderate cost. The timbers of this section are those common to the county, viz: hickory, oak, ash, gum, bass, poplar, walnut, sycamore and maple and are in great abundance. A considerable trade exists in maple sugar and molasses of which several hundred pounds are produced per annum. At a distance of 7 miles north-west from Centertown, on the South side of the valley, and one mile from the "Narrows," lie the Rogoyne Hills, these hills contain endless quantities of No. 9 coal in its very best state. The mines were in full operation before the war. A Mr. James was in control and shipped vast quantities of coal to Memphis. A considerable mining town existed, and a large trade was carried on with the adjacent settlements. The breaking out of the war, when several barges of coal were carelessly sunk, and subsequently the senseless navigation monopoly compelled a cessation of work and a complete abandonment of the village, a few ruins alone remain as evidence of its former life and activity. The land at present is owned by several parties who at no distant day will engage in active measures of development. The mineral right of what is known as the Jamestown Hills is owned by Horner & Wood, Iron Manufacturers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the land otherwise, is the property of John D. Bell. The existence of No. 9 coal in vast quantities is conceded by all who are at all acquainted with this portion of the county. In this section also is found beds of the

finest building stone, exhaustless in quantity, superior in quality and of easy access.

The range of hills comprising a portion of the farms of W. J. Everly, F. O. Coffman and W. P. Bender are underlain with No. 9 coal at an average depth of 40 feet. The out crop at the foot of the hills, and near the flats are rich and unmistakable. Other minerals are thought to exist, but up to the present no particular discoveries have been made. These farms lie to the North of the valley, and distant from it one-half to one mile. The soil is deep and fertile, the uncultivated portions well timbered and water is in plentiful supply.

A very extensive salt lick is found on the "Everly" tract, and from its appearance and extent the conclusion is reasonable that a well of moderate depth would furnish a paying supply.

The title to each one of these farms is good, and each holding is entirely clear of encumbrances. The farm also includes considerable portions of Rough river flats, and with comparatively little cost could be made first-class farming land. A moderate system of tiling would convert these flats into successful rivals of the best Ohio river farms.

The timber at present in these flats is of good quality and of sufficient quantity to pay for the entire cost of tiling. Such portions of these flats as have already been reclaimed have no rival as corn producing lands, it is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that the whole extent of the flats subjected to intelligent treatment would be equally productive.

On the Carter farm, which embraces a portion of the hills extending from Grassy creek to Rose' Ripple is a mine in successful operation. The Geological Survey of the county rates the coal in this range as No. 9 of superior quality. The extent of the coal measure is certainly limited only by the termination of the ridges, and since the mining is generally at the base of this towering range, the supply must be without limit.

The out-crop is very considerable, merely however, to supply the local demand. This coal has always been regarded as a very superior article for manufacturing purposes, and as a black-smithing coal it is eagerly sought after. It has the desirable qualities of being free from sulphur, burning well, lasting well, slacking but little and leaving no clinker. This extensive coal measure is owned by several persons who reside on it, and hold in quantities varying from 100 acres to 150 acres each. These farmers are liberal and enterprising, and ready to join heartily in any effort to develop the country.

The evidences of oil are many and good, the indications at the foot of the towering hills are such as to remove every doubt of the existence of this highly prized article; the restless hand of enterprise will ere long call it forth.

An independent ridge of about 100 acres or more in extent a part of T. J. Everly's farm has an out-crop of No. 9 at its base. Some evidences of oil exist. There is little or no doubt that oil and gas will at some future day be found in paying quantities in this entire section.

One mile due east from the Carter mine, and at a point in the Grassy creek and Ross' Ripple hills are immense fields of pure limestone rock, these fields are easy of access, and the stone is well adapted to building purposes. Some of the stone has been kilned and found to yield fine quality of good quality. About one mile further on the same chain W. H. Ross has opened a mine of No. 9 coal which is yielding paying quantities, one-half mile further on is another mine of the same vein owned by Mrs. S. A. Ross; this mine is not now in operation, but the coal in usual thickness is abundant. No. 9 coal is also found on the farm of W. T. Bennett. The valleys in this direction also, give strong indications of the existence of oil.

One and a-half miles South-east from Centertown is a very remarkable well the property of Geo. W. Rowe. It is said to possess great medicinal properties.

In the line of general development, it is reasonable to assume that the building of a railroad will become a reality. The construction down any of the valleys would be a matter of no very great outlay, owing to the location of the country through which such a line would likely pass. That a road so established would pay well there could be little doubt, for its carrying capacity would be tested to its utmost. The march of progress will draw this commercial vehicle in its train in the due course of events.

These facts have been collated and this briefly set forth to induce an influx of capital, skill and energy, which combined with local enterprise may develop the great natural resources of this portion of Ohio county, which for the amount of its hidden ores; its expansive fields of coal; its immense quarries of fine building stone; the value and variety of its virgin forests; and its natural agricultural resources, has few equals and no superiors in this or any other state.

It is very true that for years the people of this section have been slow to realize the fact, that wealth of almost fabulous extent existed within their borders. It is equally true that a time when material development began to dawn, the cupidity of a senseless and tyrannical navigation monopoly by means of its unexampled tolls and other restrictions, slumped down the gates of commerce, and paralyzed the energies of the people. That era is now passed, and the people are awake, and fully realize the stupendous advantages which this section possesses, and are determined that the rest of the world shall be informed

in relation to it. It is not the out-growth of rapid and ignorant enthusiasm which is affecting the deep thinking men of this section, but the result of scientific investigation, and such natural presentations as no one can question.

At an average depth of not more than 40 feet this whole section from Lewis' creek on the South to the "Narrows" on the North is one unbroken measure of No. 9 coal, and from East to West it is equally if not more extensive. This considered in connection with the splendid combine of Nos. 11 and 12 gives a coal supply which for domestic and manufacturing purposes is capable of sustaining any demand make upon them for centuries. Either vein, that is, No. 9; or Nos. 11 and 12 being free from sulphur, compact and good burners, possess all the elements of good coking coal. A system of coke ovens would make the smelting of the vast quantities of iron ore which undoubtedly lie hidden here, a profitable investment.

The free navigation of Rough and Green rivers is an additional inducement to capital, and when the thunders of the iron horse shall awake the solitude of our valleys then will enterprise, capital, skill and energy quickly seek the rich fields so long forgotten. Free navigation is an accomplished fact, the building of a railroad through this rich valley is but a question of a few years at most. The people are ready to contribute their part to any enterprise tending to develop the resources of the country. The property in lands is not held by trusts or monopolies, but is in the hands of a great number of independent, intelligent, liberal and enterprising holders who stand ready to meet capital half way.

**SUMMARY.**  
For the Centertown and West Point neighborhoods is claimed features which belong to them in a peculiarly eminent degree, and while not disparaging any other section of Ohio or adjoining counties, still, these features, the voluntary gifts from the lavish hand of bountiful Nature belong here in quantities so plentiful and so varied as to satisfy even the grasping hand of cupidity itself.

1. A valley naturally adapted to the construction of a railroad at the least possible cost, and in the shortest possible time.

2. Agriculture in a high degree of advancement, which independent of every other consideration, has placed this section in the front ranks of farming communities.

3. Forests of valuable timber of every variety, and easily accessible to market, because of the two rivers which drain it in all directions, and which give ample water facilities at all seasons of the year.

4. This section in the higher grounds, from foot to crest of the towering hills which shut it in, has a magnificent coal bed 9 feet thick which may be mined without the use of powder, except in very rare instances; thus offering to commerce this valuable commodity at a cost less than it can be produced elsewhere; to the consumer this is an advantage which should weigh well in considering the out-lay of money for this article for domestic or manufacturing purposes. In the lower strata, and separated from the upper veins by a roof of thick slate, or beds of limestone, with an interposing stratum of earth 40 feet thick is a second coal measure, superior in quality and exhaustless in quantity.

5. Either class of coal, because of its purity is calculated to make coke of the very best kind.

6. Two kinds of rich iron ore in great abundance, and in juxtaposition to the coal which may be used for smelting it, are to be found here. That this industry, with, at no distant day a leading feature of this valley there can scarcely be a doubt.

7. With such an abundance of limestone and granite, the cost of building a series of blast furnaces will be greatly diminished, this fact coupled with coke ovens, endless quantities of coal and iron, must appeal to the intelligence of those who are seeking profitable investments for idle capital.

8. The number of schools and churches which are met with at every available point embraced in the section under consideration, plainly attests the high social, moral, intellectual and religious status of its people. The schools maintain an average attendance equal to that of the most favored localities, and the pupils under the guidance of efficient teachers, keep pace with those of the large towns and cities. Congregations fashionably—elegantly attired are found in attendance on spiritual addresses as able and eloquent as those who hold forth in places of far greater pretensions. Pauperism and vagrancy are unknown quantities, and infractions of law are rare—almost unheard of.

9. The indications of the existence of salt, alum and oil are so marked as to remove all doubts that a partial trial to find them would be crowned with success.

10. Farms everywhere in this section are in a high state of cultivation. The title to every farm is good, and almost every acre is free from encumbrances of all kinds. This fact alone is a sufficient inducement to the intelligent investor to seek this locality in preference to many other, as being more likely to yield him a speedy dividend on his investment.

11. The substantial and cheerful appearance of the farm houses, the well filled granaries, the number and excellence of the horses, cattle, sheep and swine prove at once the energy, thrift and economy of the people, the fertility of the soil and its enlightened cultivation.

12. The dwellings are always tastily,

often fashionably—elegantly furnished. 13. While riches in its general sense cannot be said to be a leading condition of the inhabitants of this section, it is true that each citizen is in easy, independent circumstances.

The existence of silver was so undoubted, even at a very early period, that an intelligent farmer reserved the ore right, in anticipation of the future development of the wealth of mineral in this community. His anticipations will ere long be realized, the prying eye of science, and the nervous touch of energy will unfold to the admiring gaze of profit-seeking capital the precious objects of its tireless search.

14. The village of Centertown is the commercial center of a considerable section of the country, is rapidly increasing in population, has several enterprising business men; within the last few years many comfortable and elegant dwelling houses have been erected, there are several commodious and well stocked stores, some manufacturing establishments are in operation. Altogether, not only in Centertown but throughout the entire community, success, prosperity, energy, intelligence and independence are predominating features.

It is not claimed for Centertown and vicinity that they constitute an Eldorado, or a Utopia, but it is claimed for them that in point of unlimited wealth, great natural commercial facilities, the intelligence of the people, and in short, in all that goes to make a country rich, prosperous and energetic that they are not inferior to any rural district in the commonwealth, nor indeed, anywhere else. Nothing is claimed other than that which is true, and which can be established on examination.

**NOW IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR.**

During Winter, Nature wisely arranges that we should live on foods containing much fat, or, as they are known, hydrocarbons, for the purpose of supplying heat to the body; the chemical operation necessary to transform fat into heat is the exclusive work of the liver, and so during the time stated it is constantly congested.

With the approach of warm weather our diet changes to muscle-producing food, and the work of the liver is much lessened. In the majority of cases, however, it is unable to completely throw off the excess of bile, but remains congested, causing that "lax," tired feeling which many have in the Spring months, when the weather becomes warm.

This is evidence of an unhealthy condition, and though people appreciate the necessity of an alternative at this period, the common idea is to take drastic pills and produce a cathartic effect, only to make matters worse. The liver must be unloaded, and its proper action restored before hot weather, if you wish to preserve health, and if this distinct call of nature is unheeded serious results will occur.

The blood will become loaded with bile and little acid, and as every drop of vital fluid passes through the kidneys to be purified, they soon break down and are unable to carry out the deadly poison. Warner's Safe Cure and Warner's Safe Pills have not only a specific action on the kidneys, but on the liver also.

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As you value the blessings of health, to not allow the summer to approach without giving your system a "general house-cleaning," in the manner we have indicated.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

**Branch Railroads.**  
(Breakthrough News.)

There is much conjecture and speculation on the subject of a branch railroad from the L. St. L. & T. to the Rough Creek and Fordville country. Matters are not sufficiently developed to make even a tolerable guess at the real situation. But that there is maneuvering and "something up" out of which something will result before very long, may be inferred from movements of railroad people. Until we know something we may as well keep our mouths shut.

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